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REMARKS

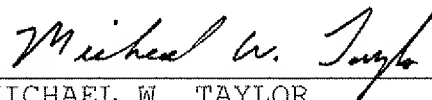
Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone conference on January 5, 2009. During the telephone conference, the Examiner indicated that the proposed claim amendments provided to the Examiner on December 22, 2008 define over the current prior art rejection.

The claims have now been amended as proposed to the Examiner. Support for the claim amendments are best illustrated in FIG. 4. The claim amendments better illustrate the "options" that are available when creating an invention disclosure.

As the Examiner is aware, the case is currently being appealed. In view of the proposed claim amendments defining over the current rejection, the Applicants are withdrawing the case from appeal by the filing of the present request for continued examination (RCE).

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is submitted that all the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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